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TITLE: ULTRA FINE DEAD SEA MINERAL COMPOUND AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE	
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APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicant respectfully submits this summary of examiner interview in response to Examiner's Interview Summary dated December 3, 2007. Applicant concurs with the Examiner's summary of the interview except as noted.

According to the Examiner's summary, "Examiner suggested to the attorney to provide a comparative data showing that the Dead Sea Salts provide the delivery of ionic compounds only at the claimed granularity and in the claimed natural carrier medium and not above the claimed granularity."

Applicant respectfully disagrees with this characterization of the interview. Applicant did not argue that Dead Sea Salts deliver ionic compounds only at the claimed granularity and only in the claimed natural carrier medium. Rather, it is Applicant's contention that Dead Sea Salts at the claimed granularity and the claimed natural carrier medium provide enhanced ionic absorption relative to the prior art, which includes larger particles of Dead Sea salts and does not disclose use of the salts in conjunction with the claimed carrier medium. Applicant believes that scrubs, such as taught by KR and JP, provide very little absorption of ionic compounds. This is because scrubs are not intended for absorption, but rather for abrasion.

Applicant intends to show through his study that applicant's claimed Dead Sea Salts, namely particles of uniformly less than 1.0 mm and in an all-natural carrier medium comprising at least one

essential oil, provide an unexpected benefit by substantially increasing the absorption of ionic compound.

Respectfully submitted,

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